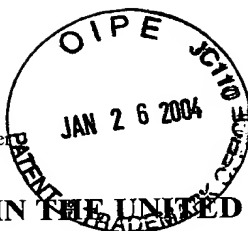


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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 22, 2003, in the above-identified application, and includes:

- Amendments to the Claims (pages 2-5);
- Remarks (pages 6-8);
- Conclusion (page 8).

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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